

**Astoria; Or, Anecdotes of an Enterprise Beyond the Rocky Mountains**  
**Washington IRVING (1783 – 1859)**

**Read by Carol Pelster**

The great thrill of exploration and discovery, as well as harrowing adventures and disasters were experienced by the brave American men in the 1810-1812 Astor Expedition to Oregon. Travelling by land and by sea, with the hope of setting up a fur trading center for the powerful John Jacob Astor, these men endured incredible hardships and starvation. In spite of the difficulties described, the book was a catalyst that inspired a generation of pioneers to pursue their own way to the Northwest. Washington Irving, author of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, and *Rip Van Winkle*, was a masterful writer who was especially good at conveying the vastness and dangers of the wilderness. – Summary by Carol Pelster

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